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Re: Application of Nashville Gas Company, a Division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., for Adjustment of its Rates and Charges

Docket No. 99-00994

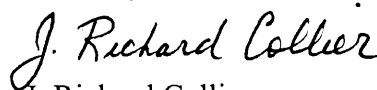
Gentlemen:

On April 27, 2000, Associated Valley Industries, Inc. ("AVI") filed a Petition to Intervene in the above styled action. As the parties are aware, AVI had expressed an interest in intervening in this matter several months ago. During the telephonic Status Conference held on April 6, 2000, the parties were advised of AVI's request to intervene; and both parties informed the acting Pre-Hearing Officer that a copy of the AVI's request had never been served on them. Afterward, AVI was notified by the Authority to file a petition and serve copies of that petition on all parties to this action.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire whether any of the parties desire to file a response to AVI's Petition to Intervene. Any such response should be filed with the Authority no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2000. Thereafter, the Pre-Hearing Officer will act on the AVI's Petition to Intervene.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



J. Richard Collier
Pre-Hearing Officer

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